

DECLARATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION,
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLYESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICROORGANISMS HAVING the specification of which ACTIVITY OF DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER

[X] is attached hereto.

[] was filed on _____ as Application No. _____
and was amended on _____ [if applicable].

[] was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on _____
Serial No. _____, the United States of America being designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Number	Country	Prior Foreign Application(s) Date Filed	Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
10-319,251	Japan	November 10, 1998	X	

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from the undersigned's assignee, if any, and/or, if the undersigned is not a resident of the United States, the undersigned's domestic attorney, patent attorney or patent agent, as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the person(s) from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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For: A METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLYESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICROORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER
VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION KYOTO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION Hashikami-Cho, Matsugasaki, Sakyo-Ku, Kyoto City, Japan

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

☒ UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

☐ TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(a) AND 501(c)(3))

☐ NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(NAME OF STATE _____)

(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)

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☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS NONPROFIT, SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fee under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled

A METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLYESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICROORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER

by inventor(s) Kohei ODA and Yoshiharu KIMURA

described in

☒ the specification filed herewith

☐ application serial no. _____, filed _____

☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above-identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no right to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to the status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE June 24, 1999

ASSIGNMENT

Attorney Docket: _____

OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

A METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLYESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC MOIETIES, A DENIER
Title: REDUCTION METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICROORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF DECOMPOSING
THE POLYESTER

EXECUTED, this 24th day of June, 1999.

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ASSIGNMENT
OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

Attorney Docket:

WHEREAS

Kohei ODA and Yoshiharu KIMURA

hereinafter (collectively) referred to as the assignor, has invented a certain improvement relating to A METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLYESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICROORGANISM HAVING ACTIVITY OF DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER for which said assignor has caused an application for United States Letters Patent to be prepared,

- ☒ the inventor declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument; said application to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
- ☐ said application having been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on _____, Serial Number (if known) _____;
- ☐ said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on _____, Serial No. _____, the United States of America being designated.

AND WHEREAS: KYOTO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
of Hashikami-Cho, Matsugasaki, Sakyo-Ku, Kyoto City, Japan

hereinafter referred to as the assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by said assignee to said assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof; said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and the said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining hereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such patents when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as the said assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said assignor hereby agrees to perform, upon the request of said assignee, or said assignee's successors or assigns, any and all acts relating to the obtaining or to the asserting of said patents, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

AND said assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in accordance herewith.

EXECUTED, this 24th day of June, 1999.

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